

MINE INSPECTOR HARR

Furnishes a Statement of the
Blanch Mine Disaster.

HE ORDERED THE DUST DAMPENED

And Water Seemed to Have Been
Used in Two Entries—The Explosion
Seemed to be the Result of Two Ex-
cessive Charges of Powder in Ad-
joining Rooms—Movement Forth the
Relief of Victims.

Yesterday the committee of miners from the Blanch mine, where the disaster occurred on Tuesday, causing seven deaths, called on the mayor, in company with the local committee, to request him to call a meeting of the chamber of commerce to take action for the relief of the victims. On consultation, however, it was decided to be wisest to have a committee call on citizens and solicit aid. Mayor Caldwell and President Quarrier, of the chamber of commerce, signed a paper recommending the cause to charitable people, and the committee will wait on the public, commencing this morning. In this case the old adage is peculiarly true, "He gives twice who gives quickly." Capt. C. J. Rawlin yesterday left \$2 at the INTELLIGENCER office for the relief of the sufferers.

District Mine Inspector D. M. Harr arrived in the city yesterday from the scene of the disaster. An INTELLIGENCER reporter called on him at the Hotel Behler last night and asked him for a statement. In response Mr. Harr furnished the following written report:

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 23, 1894.

I desire to make a statement to the public in regard to the explosion, which occurred at the Blanch coal mine on November 20, 1894.

I have been partly censured by the coroner's jury for the accident on the 15th of November, 1894. I arrived at said mine unexpected by the mine officials to inspect the mine. About 1 o'clock I proceeded to make an inspection of the mine, in company with the mine committee, and Mr. Muter, pit boss, and T. E. Lewis. On the intake current there were 14,400 cubic feet of air pressure per minute, measured and calculated in the presence of these gentlemen. I made several measurements of the air in the mine, one other showing 12,800 cubic feet at a velocity of 320 feet per minute. This air current is conducted through the mine in one circuit by means of trap doors, passing around where the men work, and thence to the furnace. I found some of these doors in bad repair, and called Mr. Muter's attention to the matter. He said it was a hard matter to keep them in good repair, owing to the concussion of the air caused by heavy shooting by the miners. A part of the mine is dry and dusty. There are two entries that have water in them. I cautioned them as to the danger that existed in the coal dust with the heavy blasting of powder.

I have always protested against their system of working the coal, and consider it dangerous, and as long as the practice of blasting the coal out of the solid is allowed these dreadful calamities will happen. I have been informed that sometimes there would be from 50 to 100 pounds of powder exploded in less than one hour.

In view of this fact, the ignition of the powder, the grinding and crushing of the coal and raising the temperature of the mine, is almost enough to cause an explosion, saying nothing about a blow-out shot which might occur with its terrific force in the midst of all this. It is also an evident fact that the coal is charged heavily with hydrogen.

On the 19th of November, 1894, I inspected the Glendale shaft. On the 20th I inspected the Boggs run mine, and left for Fairmont. On my arrival, I received a telegram stating the accident which had occurred at the Blanch coal mine. I took the next train going west and arrived at the mine at about 9 o'clock a. m., November 22. I there met James Bick, inspector of mines of the seventh bituminous district of Pennsylvania, and Daniel Boden, manager of the coal works at Carnegie, Pa. With these gentlemen and the mine officials, I proceeded to make the examination.

On entering the mine I found there were 10,000 cubic feet of air passing. We proceeded to entry No. 9, where the explosion is supposed to have originated.

In No. 3 room on entry 9 there was evidence of a terrific explosion. From 5 to 10 tons of coal was blown all over the room and back a distance of 50 to 75 feet. The timbers were all blown down, the track was lifted from its place to the upper side of the room, a distance of about 10 feet. On the right side of the room we found a bore hole two feet and two inches deep, which had been blown out. The indications showed that the hole was from 5 to 6 feet deep and running in the rib at an angle of 25 degrees. Near the center of the room there was a bore hole, the depth being about 20 inches. These shots were fired at once. I asked a miner who had examined the shot on the rib how much powder he would use in that case, if he expected the coal to be blown out. He said seven pounds.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Muter started that there are from three to five pounds of powder used at each shot, and each miner shoots twice a day. There are 55 miners at work. The amount of powder exploded in 10 hours is 220 pounds. In entry 8 the indications show that the explosion might have originated there, as the timbers were all blown down in some of the rooms, and the force seemed to be greater passing through to the face of No. 9, going in the direction of No. 3 room.

I saw Tom Morris, the man that worked in No. 3 room. He says when he fired his two shots, and as he was coming out of his room, he heard a "windy" shot, which is a blow-out shot, some place in No. 8 entry, and at that time the shots he had fired went off, with the result stated above.

Now, in my opinion, the true cause of the explosion was an overcharge of powder in No. 3 room in entry No. 9, aided by like results from entry No. 8. The coal, in my opinion, can be worked with safety by mining it, which will lessen the amount of powder used four-fifths, and will also reduce the accumulation of coal dust. All dusty mines should be watered. This has always been my order.

It was the opinion of Inspector Bick, Mr. Boden and myself that under the system the mine is worked on, explosions could occur if the mine was watered thoroughly, from the fact that there is so much powder used. In a few minutes probably 100 tons of coal torn from its solid bed would fill the whole mine full of dust.

The coroner's jury in its verdict says:

to the explosion, which was not kept properly dampened, and the pit boss, in failing to keep the dust dampened, we consider for negligence and carelessness, and if the mine inspector, on the occasion of his visit to the mine on the 16th instant, failed to order the operators to properly water the mine, he is also hereby censured."

It was an easy matter to ascertain whether I did give such instruction or not by asking Mr. Muter or the committee. I asked Mr. Muter and Mr. Lewis if they had watered the mine. They both told me the mine was watered on Monday, the day previous to the explosion.

The mining law in West Virginia provides that the inspector shall assist the coroner in holding the inquest, and shall make a careful examination of the accident, and in the absence of the coroner shall conduct the inquest himself. It is customary where the inspector is absent when the coroner is holding an inquest to keep the inquiry open until he can arrive to make the investigation required of him by law. In this case the inquest was closed without affording me an opportunity to make an examination or to make a statement before the coroner's jury, and a verdict reflecting on me was made public without an opportunity being afforded me to defend myself.

I did tell the pit boss, Muter, that the dust should be wet. The local committee seemed to be more exercised about a damaged trap door than the danger arising from the existence of the dust. As showing my view of the matter, the following extract from my report made last year is submitted to the public:

The coal worked is a local seam and is very hard. Roads and drainage are good. On November 21, 1892, an explosion of powder occurred at this mine, killing three men and injuring several others. On receiving notice of the accident I immediately went to the mine, and on investigation found that the miners were allowed to take and keep whole kegs of powder in the mine, which is very dry and dusty. A keg of powder had become ignited in one of the rooms and the explosion, being largely increased in force by the unusual amount of coal dust which pervades the mine, extended to other powder and became general, with the fatal result above stated. This accident was, in my opinion, wholly chargeable to carelessness, involving both the miners and those in charge of the works. The keeping of large quantities of powder in the mine is unnecessary, dangerous and wholly inadvisable, and the direct result of this calamity seems to call for an additional protest against the practice.

If the coroner's jury had inquired as to the facts they would have found that I took every precaution in the line of my duty to render the mine safe.

D. M. HARR.

LOCAL RECENTS.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

MATINEE at the Grand to-day.

THE GRAND this evening—"The Life Guard."

CHARLES R. GOETZ is displaying a fine assortment of perfumes and atomizers.

The work of putting in new and larger gas mains on South Market street has been completed.

A CALL has been issued for meetings of the council committees on real estate and claims for Monday night.

THE JUNIOR O. U. A. M. will join the O. U. A. M. in attending the Thanksgiving service at the First Baptist church, Sunday, November 25.

AGAIN last night the electric lights were off in many parts of town for some time. This has become a serious annoyance for some days past.

THERE will be a gospel meeting held at 1207 Main street Sunday at 3 p. m., conducted by Mrs. Scofield; subject, "Life." The young men are especially welcome.

JOHN WATKINS, in jail as an incorrigible youth, was discharged by Squire Gillespie yesterday on condition that he would go to work and behave better in the future.

CITY COLLECTOR SHAFFER yesterday reported to City Receiver Kindelberger his collections of city taxes for the past week, as follows: General fund, \$439.09; ten cent levy, \$94.27.

YESTERDAY Ed Glancey, arrested on a capias from Marion county, on two charges of illegal sale of liquor, gave bail in the circuit court clerk's office in \$200 in each case, and was released.

THE Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Elm Grove, will hold the annual Thanksgiving service at the town hall next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Robb will deliver an address.

IN E. L. Nicholl's window, on Market street, is a very life like and well executed portrait in oil of the late Mrs. T. H. Logan, painted for one of her daughters. It is the work of Mr. Morgan Rhees, and reflects great credit upon him.

CLERK Hook yesterday admitted to record a deed made November 21 by Margaret Gibson, executrix of John Gibson, deceased, to John W. Settell, for \$400, fifteen acres of ground on Little Wheeling creek, in Liberty district.

NEXT Friday evening an entertainment and social will be given at the Glenn's Run school house under the auspices of the Sabbath school of Glenn's Run. A very interesting musical and literary programme is being arranged for the occasion.

WILLIAM HAYES, of Boston, was here yesterday and let the contract to the North Wheeling Glass Company to make 25,000 gross of a patent bottle which it is claimed cannot be refilled. Other firms will swell this greatly, so that the works will probably run steadily for the next year.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

A. L. Prichard, of Mannington, is a Windsor arrival.

C. R. Tracy has returned from a flying business trip to New York.

Sam R. Nuzum, of Fairmont, photographed at the Windsor yesterday.

Mrs. George H. Gordon, of Parkersburg, is visiting Mrs. Anna R. Robinson, at 945 Market street.

Frank Schmidt, of Washington, Pa., a brother of Charles Schmidt, of this city, is the latter's guest.

Chief Marshal of the Fire Department Healy is laid up at his home in East Wheeling with a return of his old trouble, rheumatism.

Thomas Liggett and A. W. Lay, of Pittsburgh, and G. E. Fisher, of Beaver Falls, were a trio of old men who figured on the McClure register.

L. J. McGor, of Parkersburg; O. J. Barting, of Burton, and Charles T. Nesbitt, of Fairmont, were among the West Virginia people at the Behler.

B. S. Pope, of Parkersburg; A. D. Monk, of Sistersville; S. T. Montgomery, of Cameron; C. S. Bardley, of New Cumberland; S. A. Scott, of Lewisburg; O. P. Stroble, of Grafton, and Joseph Hartman, jr., of Mannington, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Stamm.

The following are from the Washington, Pa. Reporter: Rev. Charles M. Alford, formerly of Wheeling, W. Va., has entered on his work as the assistant of Rev. L. Y. Graham, in the Olivet Presbyterian church, Philadelphia. He preached his farewell sermon to the Third church of Wheeling the last Sabbath of October.—Presbyterian Messenger.

Mr. Alford was formerly a member of the Washington Presbyterian, and Mrs. Alford is a sister of Frank Vorell, of this place.—John Wilson, of Waynesburg, was in Washington Wednesday morning going to Wheeling.

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"What a serious, tired expression on most every face!" one can't help saying to himself. It is rare that one goes by that does not wear something of that strained, worn look; and how many more pale lips there are than rosy ones. How often the eyes are dull, the flesh flabby, and that tell-tale line from the corner of the lip to the angle of the nose, drawn painfully deep.

Poor health is unmistakable to the most casual observer. When the body is but poorly filled out with flesh, and a feeling of languor pervades the system, plainly there is something lacking in the vital, nutritive powers. Impure blood is keeping the tissues poorly fed and starvily vitalized.

Get the blood pure with Paine's celery compound and languor and debility will leave the body. Restore the nervous energy to the brain and nerve cells and good spirits and vigor will take the place of despondency and moodiness. Backaches, persistent headaches, that general feeling of fatigue, neuralgia, rheumatism and heart weakness that shows itself in frequent palpitation—are all but various symptoms of a nervous organization badly nourished. Paine's celery compound promotes the healthy activity of the organs that make the blood and keep it pure. The weak parts of the body are thus enabled to build themselves up when this magnificent nerve and tissue builder is employed. The complete recovery and repair of the diseased organs in this way goes on rapidly, naturally, and the happy results are permanent. The effect of the intelligent use of Paine's celery compound in all wasting and debilitating diseases is to check at once the decline in strength, and to keep the tissues from further degeneration.

NEW BOOKS

That Have Been Added to the Shelves of the Public Library.

The following new books have been added during the present month to the collection at the Public Library:

Brooks, Dr. E.—Story of the Odyssey.
Champer, E. W.—Witch Winnie at Shinnecock.
Coolidge, S.—Not Quite Eighteen.
Crawford, F. M.—Love in Idleness.
Crockett, S. R.—Mad Sir Uchred of the Hills.
Douglas, G. A.—Sherburne Cougars.
Doyle, A. C.—Round the Red Lamp.
Ellis, E. S.—Brave Tom.
Ellis, E. S.—Honest Ned.
Ellis, E. S.—Riding the Wrong.
Fenn, G. M.—The Grand Chaco.
Ford, J. L.—The Third Alarm.
Henty, G. A.—In the Heart of the Rockies.
Henty, G. A.—When London Burned.
Henty, G. A.—Wolf the Saxon.
Holley, M.—Samantha Among the Colored Folks.

Hugo, Victor.—Bug Jargal.
Kaler, J. A.—Chasing a Yacht.
Knox, T. W.—The Lost Army.
Page, T. N.—Poly.
Saunders, M.—Benutiful Joe.
Stannard, Mrs.—A Seventh Child.
Stockton, F. R.—Pomona's Travels.
Trowbridge, J.—Three Boys on an Electrical Boat.

Verne, J.—Castle of the Carpathians.
Lari, E. M.—Costume of Colonial Times.
Van Rensselaer, Mrs.—Devils Picture Books.
Johnston, A.—A History of Playing Cards.
London, J. S.—Constitutional History and Government of the United States.

Hyde, T. W.—Following the Greek Cross.
Macle, E. S.—History of the U. S. Navy (volume 2).
Frances Power Cobbe. Life of (2 volumes).
Famous Leaders Among Men. by S. K. Bolton.
Napoleon in Exile. by R. E. O'Meara.
Napoleon, Lover and Husband, by F. Masson.
Literary Associations of the English Lakes, by Rev. H. H. Wansley.
St. Francis of Assisi, by Paul Labatier.

Recital of Wagner Music.
At the Disciples church last night the first of Prof. Eugene Feuchtinger's recitals on Wagner's music was heard by a good audience. His selections were from "Parsifal," and he made a good impression. His work on the piano has seldom been surpassed in Wheeling. He will give another entertainment at the same place next Friday night.

Dress Goods. Styles that please.
Prices that astonish!
GEO. M. SNOOK & CO.

A PICTURE of the baby—could anything be nicer or more appreciated for a Christmas present? Bring the little one to Tappan & Connel and its expression will be a happy one.

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After Approach of Death, New Life
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Mr. Wm. E. Greenholts
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Pieces of Bone Came Out.
Last February I had to take my bed for four weeks, and then I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I soon got on my feet, but was very weak and went to the Maryland University hospital, where they said my trouble was chronic blood poisoning and gave me little hope. I returned home and continued taking Hood's. I have used six bottles and the abscess has entirely disappeared, and I have been in

Fine Health Ever Since.
I know it had not been for Hood's Sarsaparilla I should be in my grave. I have gained in weight from 147 a year ago to 170 pounds to-day.

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A Whole Loaf

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

ELECTION NOTICE OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA EXPOSITION AND STATE
FAIR ASSOCIATION.

In pursuance of the by-laws of the West Vir-
ginia Exposition and State Fair Association, a
meeting of the stockholders will be held on the
1st day of December, A. D. 1894, at the hour of
8 o'clock p. m. in the rooms of the Board of
Commissioners of Ohio county, W. Va., for the
purpose of holding an election for a Board of
Directors to serve during the year of 1895, and
to transact any other business that may be
brought before the meeting.

A. REYMANN, President.

GEORGE HOOK, Secretary.

GENERAL NOTICES.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the estate of Joseph
Graves, deceased, for goods sold at his late store,
No. 30 Twelfth street, Wheeling, W. Va., are re-
quested to pay the same to Joseph S. Graves and
Charles E. Graves, to whom said store, with its
accounts, was bequeathed by the will of said
deceased.

Persons owing other debts to said estate are
requested to pay the same to the undersigned.
Persons having claims against said estate will
present the same to the undersigned for pay-
ment.

BENJAMIN S. ALLISON,
Executor of the will of Joseph Graves, deceased.

WHEELING, W. Va., November 22, 1894. no23

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have formed a co-partnership
under the firm name of Joseph Graves' Sons,
and will continue the business that was con-
ducted by our father, the late Joseph Graves, at
No. 28 Twelfth street, Wheeling, W. Va. There
will be carried, as heretofore, the finest line of
Wall Papers, Blank Books, Notions, etc., in the
city. We hope to merit a continuance of the
liberal patronage that was extended to our
father, and we will do all in our power to please
our customers.

JOS. S. GRAVES,
CHAR. E. GRAVES.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—FERRITS, BY P. W.
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iron building in Belleaire, fronting on both
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10 shares Fostoria Glass Company.
10 shares Exchange Bank.
10 shares of National Bank of West Virginia.
10 shares Wheeling Ice and Storage Co.
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10 shares Wheeling Standard Steel & Iron Co.
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Exchange Bank.
Lafayette Iron Works.
Extra Standard Mill.
Wheeling Electrical Railroad.
Fostoria Glass Company.
Wheeling Ice and Storage Company Stocks.
Piedmont Water Works.

BONDS.

Wheeling Bridge Company Bonds.
Royal Clay Manufacturing Company.
Fostoria Glass Company.
Wheeling Street Railway Company.
Parkersburg Station & Glenville Railroad Co.
Wheeling Pottery Company.
Wheeling Steel and Iron Company.
Piedmont Water Works.

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Riverside Iron Works.
Belleaire Nail Mill.
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Lafayette Iron Works.
Extra Standard Mill.
Wheeling Electrical Railroad.
Fostoria Glass Company.
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